

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:330

ANSWERED ON:06.09.2007

FACILITIES IN RAJDHANI AND SHATABDI EXPRESS TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are planning to introduce five star catering, screening of video films and providing dedicated TV channels in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 03, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the trains and classes where these facilities are proposed to be provided;
- (d) whether the Railways are considering to revise train fares to charge for the above facilities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided in the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 330 BY PROF. M. RAMADASS AND SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 06.9.2007 REGARDING FACILITIES IN RAJDHANI AND SHATABDI EXPRESS TRAINS

(a) to (c): Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains are the prestigious premier trains of Indian Railways. Standard and quality of catering services in these trains are provided accordingly. It has been planned to try the on board audio/video information, dissemination and entertainment system on one Shatabdi Express train in both executive and chair car classes as a pilot project. Its extension to other Shatabdi trains will depend upon its successful implementation.

(d): At present there is no proposal for increasing the fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains on account of these facilities.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The trials for on-board entertainment system are likely to be completed during the current financial year.